# EARLY SPRING GAMES IN THE NORTH OFTEN INCAPACITATE PLAYERS FOR SEASON'S WORK

### BASEBALL CLUBS TAKE LONG CHANCE IN PLAYING GAMES IN COLD, CHILLY WEATHER

### Athletics and Phillies No Longer Indulge in Spring Series Because It Endangers the Participating Players

AFTER years of experience, some of which was of a distinctly bitter nature, Connie Mack has decided that playing a spring series at home just prior to the opening of the American League season is not a good thing for the players. It is possible that Mack knew this before he decided not to play the annual spring series with the Phillies in 1915. Nevertheless, both Mack and the Philly management realized that the fans become eager to see baseball about this season of the year after having read of the teams' development in the South. This fact caused them to stage, along with virtually all the other clubs in the major leagues, a series of games at a time when the players should be nursing their arms and legs instead of getting out in inclement weather and running the risk of losing all the benefits of their training in the Southern camps.

As every one knows, it was not the idea so much to please the public that inter and intra series were played in the spring; but because the managements were able to make a good deal of money, which assisted them in defraying the expenses of their spring training.

#### The Phillies Have Seen the Light

One of the first things that Pat Moran did when he succeeded Charley Dooin as head of the Phillies last winter was to call off the spring games with the Athletics. This was done, not because Pat did not wish to play against the Mackmen, nor because he thought money could not be made, but because he believed that in order to condition his team he should stay in the South as long as possible and not take the chance of injuring his players by having them work hard in bad weather to win games for nothing but the empty honor of the Philadelphia championship.

This year there was not a chance for the Phillies and Athletics to get together here for two reasons. In the first place, neither Mack nor Moran cared to play for the sake of the teams' condition. Secondly, the managements of the Phillies and Athletics had a dispute last winter which caused the calling off of the proposed series in the South.

The Phillies wish Philadelphia fans to see them first in action against a National League club in the race for the flag. Consequently, the majority of the players will not reach this city until next Monday night or Tuesday morning. There is a game scheduled with Washington next Monday. That contest ends the training season. The Phillies then open here on Wednesday with the Glants.

Likewise, the Athletics will not be seen here until after they make their first swing around the Eastern end of the American League circuit, opening next Wednesday in Boston.

#### Many Players Injured by Cold Spring Weather

How many players have been injured in this city and in other cities by playing spring series it is impossible to tell. There is no doubt that many of them develop sore arms, Charley horses and other baseball diseases in these early games, and in many cases they are unable to say just where they did hurt themselves. Bad colds and often slight attacks of fever have been developed by players who took part in games here in Philadelphia, Boston and New York in the wretched weather before the date of the season's opening.

Any one can see, for example, that Brooklyn and Yankees would have been very toolish to play a game yesterday in the weather they would have had to face. It was very cold, penetrating and generally raw at Ebbets Field.

Not only that, but the edge is taken off the fans' appetites by these games. They do not go out to the opening games and those following with the same desire to see baseball when they have had a taste of the game in the exhibition contests. So, on the whole, it appears that the club owners lose in the long run by their efforts to corner the coin market.

#### Carroll Brown Ruined in a Local Exhibition Game

In 1913 the Athletics trained in Houston, Texas. Although the team had a tough time getting home because of washouts that resulted from the big floods that spring, they had good days in the Lone Star State and were in good condition. They had a long stay in the South, having left Philadelphia about Feb-

Carroll Brown, the big right-hander from Atlantic City, looked particularly good that year. His arm was in great shape and he was "buzzing 'em over" in the South with terrific speed. He was, in fact, one of the most promising pitchers on the staff, not even excepting the veterans Bender, Coombs and Plank,

But Brown's superb condition proved his undoing. The Phillies lined up against the Athletics on Saturday, April 5, 1913, at the Philadelphia Ball Park. The day was far worse than yesterday here. It was colder, a stiff wind was blowing, and the water-ladened atmosphere was extremely penetrating. The Mackmen scored two runs in the first inning, but after that they were unable to cross the rubber. There was bitter rivalry between the two teams, so that when the Phils tied the score in the ninth, Brown, because of his great condition, decided to continue in the box.

The result was that the teams played to a 2-2 tie, the game going 18 innings. And Brown pitched the entire contest for the Athletics against Alexander, Chalmers and Brennan.

Brown never recovered from that game. His arm never again was in perfeet shape. In 1914, he was released to the New York Yankees, and now he has been released by Donovan just at the time when he should be a great pitcher at the height of his career.

### No Attempt Made to Discredit Princeton

There has been much comment in college circles regarding an article which appeared in these columns recently in which it was stated that Princeton's opponents were handicapped when playing the Tigers at home because of the difference in weight of the ball used in the game.

The article in question did not reflect on the sportsmanship and fairness of the athletic authorities at Princeton. It merely stated that a light ball was used in one of the games and the opposing team found it difficult to become accustomed to it. This is likely to happen, because two balls are made official by the basketball league; namely, the Spalding M and the Wood & Guest. Princeton used the latter one in the game referred to, while the other team was accustomed to a Spalding.

The rules state that the ball "must be not less than 30 inches and not more than 32 inches in circumference and not less than 20 and not more than 23 ounces in weight." It is not known whether the ball was below the required weight in the game referred to, which was against Swarthmore, but, according to the players on the Garnet five, it was lighter than the one they had been using.

Tod Eberle, coach of the Swarthmore basketball team, has written a letter to the Sports Editor in which he explains the game in question. Mr. Eberle says: "The ball used in the Swarthmore-Princeton basketball game was lighter than the one we were accustomed to, and it affected the playing of my team considerably. I do not wish to present excuses or an alibi for our overwhelming defeat, however, nor do I question the fairness of Princeton. That day Princeton defeated us without half trying and was in shape to beat any team in the country.

#### Whether the Spalding ball was used or not made little difference in the result. Kept Missing Goal After Goal

"However, I was amazed at the start of the game when Jack Sproul, an accurate foul shooter, missed goal after goal from the 15-foot mark. Captain Harry then tried it and the result was the same. Between the halves I asked what was the matter and was told that the ball seemed to be light. I asked Mr. Fisher, the referee, to weigh the ball and he turned me over to Doctor Raycroft, a member of the Rules Committee. Doctor Raycroft told me that Princeton had used the same style of ball for years and it had given fine service in the way of wear and holding its shape. When I finished talking with Raycroft, the second half started and the ball was not weighed."

Naturally, if Princeton did use a lighter ball, the Tigers were handlcapped away from home as much as the visitors were at Princeton. A difference of three ounces in weight will affect the accuracy of a foul thrower, and it is probable that was the case.

Hence, as was stated in the beginning, there never was any attempt to accuse Princeton of not playing fair with the other teams in the Intercollegiate ANY SUIT League. But to prevent further argument it would be a good plan for the Intercollegiate Basketball League to take steps to standardize the ball more than they have at present.

We read with interest of the large sums demanded by Fred Fulton to engage in ring encounters. The press agent doesn't seem to realize that confederate money is no longer negotiable.

### KELLY-AT HOME



# SIX HIGH SCHOOL **CREWS NOW OUT** FOR RIVER WORK

Central, Northeast and West Phillies Dot Schuylkill in Afternoon Spins

OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

Before the week is out it is quite likely that six schoolboy crews will be at work ou the Schoylkill River Central High School has two crews on the water at this time, rowing from the Undine Boat Club. The Northeast High School carsmen got outdoors yesterday. The first varsity outdoors yesterday. The first varsity eight used the shell, while the second eight

The Northerst athletes rowed from the Fairmount Club, where permanent quarters have been secured through the efforts of influential members of the club. The West Philadelphia High School boys will be out this afternoon with a couple of boats, rowing from the secured through the couple of boats, rowing from the couple of the c be out this afternoon with a couple of boats, rowing from the Malta Boat Club, under the direction of Eddie March, the This city will therefore be well represented in rowing and in the scholasticace at the American Henley.

The Northeast High School crew veterans will be called upon to cast a mail vote for this year's captain. At resent Joe Wall, the struke, is acting captain. He replaced Raymond Gardiner, who resigned because of the pressure of scholastic duties. The Northeast carsmen are Yeder, bow Neol 2, Sholler, 3, McComb, 4; Thomas, 5, Klop, 6; Hendershett, 7; Wall, stroke, and Bruner, coxawain.

Two schools are saving their less twirling "hete" for the Interscationic League game next Friday. Germaniaen Academy will not take any chances of speling Lamb, the star twirler, who will be called upon to go on the mount next Friday with the Churchmen. In the other hand, Episcopal Academy will use either Harvey or Flunt in the box in the same with Vineland, saving Shirley McCail to pitch against the Manhelm squad.

Occasionally a crew manager has to do more than write for races and secure togs for the candidates. Among other duties, Donald Rowe, manager of the Northeast High crew, was called upon to stroke the second boat vester-day. The second squad had the use of a barge, Ray Gardiner was covewan.

Ceach James Sigman, of the Northeast track iquad, looks forward to the time when Me-formack, the star middle distance rinner, will ugain be eligible. Northeast has lost many tar track and field athletes, baseball and foot-all players, who have falled to come up to be scholastic requirements of the school. Bill declutchesh was the latest loss to the North-east football and track squad, as he has en-cred business.

The school baseball squads are busy. Central High and Northeast High will be outdoors used, taking advantage of the weather as well as the helter condition of the grounds. Procities was called off year-rady afternion owing to the most condition of the field.

Spicer Captures Billiards Title NEW YORK, April 5—Samuel Spicer, of this city, won the national championship at English billiards by defeating the 'ttipholder, John O'Nelli, last hight in the second and final block of their 500-point match.

Chance Minor League Manager SAN FRANCISCO, April 5.—Frank Chance, armore manager of the Chicago Nationals and he New York Americans, has made his solution as a manager in the Pacific Coast cague, He will guide the Los Angeles team uring the season of 1919.

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#### Scholastic Athletic Schedule for Today

BASEBALL. Germantown High vs. Germantown
Academy, at Germantown,
Cheitenham High vs. Friends' Central,
at Friends' Central,
Vineland High vs. Episcopal Academy,
at Episcopal,
Philindelphia Textile School vs. St. Josen's College, at St. Joseph's,
Haverford School vs. Fourth Street Club,
at Haverford.

SWIMMING. Caniden High vs. Germantown High, at Germantown.

ATLANTIC LEAGUE SCHEDULE Three Hundred Games Will Be Played

This Summer A schedule of more than 200 games A schedule of more than 300 games, covering the season from May 10 until Labor Day, September 4, has been annuounced by promoters of the Atlantic League, an independent baseball circuit, composed of clubs in six towns. The towns represented are Reading, Easton, Pottsyille and Allentown, Pa., Paterson, N. J., and Wilmington, Del.

### BASEBALL GAMES WANTED

Allegheny B. C., first class, traveling, Man-ger, E. Summers, 3232 Emerald street. Hillside A. C., 18-19-year-old, home. Manager, W. Himes, 1472 North Frazier street.
Dalton, first class. Manager, Dr. H. J.
Carroll, southeast corner 38th and Wallace
atreets. Phone Preston 6463.
Bergdoll A. A., first class, home and traveling Sundey. Manager, L. W. Fox, 5928 Pembetton street. Street.
Varsity B. R. C., 17-18 year-old, home and traveling. Manager, Frank Rogers, 34th and Chancellor streets.
First Duich, first class, traveling. Manager, E. S. Ritter, 2453 North Park avenue. Phone 5492 W., between 6 and 7 p. m.

### Huhn Out of Tourney

NEW YORK, April 5.— The semifine atches in the national amateur court tennis straument at the Recoust and Tennis Clinical in the placed today. Those placers who are will be played today. Those players who are still in competition are Charles E. Sands, of New York. Payer Whitey, of New York, Payer Whitey, of New York, and Joshus Crane, of Bodon, C. S. Cutting disposed of the Philadelphian, W. H. T. Huhn, in a match that was exceedingly easy, with the score of 6-2, 6-3, 6-3.

## PENN TO OPEN LOCAL SEASON

New Quaker Nine to Play First 1916 Game on Franklin Field

WITH VILLANOVA

'NIG" BERRY IN LINE-UP

The Penn nine will pry open the local aseball season this afternoon, when Villanova and the Red and Blue clash in the first game at Franklin Field.,

It will be practically an entire new team for the Quakers this season. Of the nine players who will start the contest only two were members of 1915 nine. The other seven come from the freshman class of last year.

Those who will appear on the diamond for the first time for Penn will be Lew Wray, second base: Howard Berry, centre field; Smith, first base; Sullivan, left field; Lou Martin, shortstop, and Gilmore,

The pitcher will be either Cromwell or Cross, both of whom are newcomers.

The poor weather conditions have handicapped Coach Thomas to a great ex-tent and the team is far behind previous years in training. It has only been with-in the last week that the Quakers were able to get in any outdoor practice on Franklin Field and the days have been too cold to permit of fast playing and peedy pitching.

The probable line-up will be:

PENN Moore, 3b, Wray, 2b, Herry, cf. Smith, 1b, Sullivan, 1f, Martin, ss, Murdoe, rf, Gilmore, c, Cromwell or	D-	VII.LAN Kirsch, rf. McGuckin, McGechan, Murray, It Rehgan, c. Dougherty, McCullian, Sheeby, ss. Molyneaux,	criab.

### Yachtsmen's Annual Meeting

The Delaware River Yachtsmen's Leasuwill hold its annual outing at Burlingte Island on July 22 and 23, providing squable arrangements can be made. The date for thing was fixed for October 21. The cruise race from Trenton to the sea has been abardoned. One race meet will be held at each of the five clubs of the league, as previously announced.

## BENNY KAUFF HAS PASSED SUCCESSFULLY THROUGH HIS FIRST MAJOR LEAGUE TEST

### Rice Declares He Will Live Up to His Reputation as a Great Major League Performer

#### By GRANTLAND RICE

Great Caesar's Ghost—and schat means this?

This?

This matchiess melody I hear, That throws once more with ancient bits Rare cestasy into the car; Borne once again on April's breeze. To turn man's soul to froth and foam, Loud roistering with words like these—"Come on, you Bonchead, bring "im home!"

Ach Leiber Gott—can I be right? Have all the singers of all time Retirened again in hurried flight To throw the world back into rhyme?

The Red Sox proved last season against.

Ach Leiber Gott—can I be right!
Have all the singers of all time
Returned again in hurried flight
To throw the world back into rhyme!
Where on the April winds I hear

This melody above the dis.

This song of hope around the sphere—
"Come on, you Boob, and bring 'im in!"

### The Kauffian Test

Strictly speaking, the great musician of baseball is none other than Pan. Mr. Kauff, the Great What Will He Do f Balldom, passed his first test very satis-

factorily, Against Tiger pitchers he reported at the plate 20 times and blow himself to seven swats. We believe this nets a bat-ting average for the series of 3.50, or a batting average of 350 for the series.

But, starting out Friday, Bennie faces n even tougher test. On this occasion, or three days, he will be tossed in against Yankee pitchers who for the most part have been tuning up since February. And having inspected Yank pitching, you can take it first hand that Mr. Kauff will be in against the real thing.

#### The Flaming Soul

No, this isn't a chapter on Gehenna or environs. But, as we understand the matter, as long as the motor in an automobile is working properly, the machine can still tear along at good speed, even though the ramework is a bit frazzled and in dis-

In the same way the spirit in the heaving breast of Ty Cobb is going to carry that nimble athlete along for some time after the framework of the body has become dented or warped. Ty will continue to drive his legs and arm and eye for some time after the average athlete under the same conditions would have ceased What other ball player of the game

thick of an exhibition fray the next afternoon, working as hard as if a championship was at stake? Ty's super-nervous force will carry him on the way for a long time beyond the purely physical power left in his system. Mr. Weeghman believes his Cubs are on

would have reported one day and with-out practice would have jumped into the

the way to a pennant. Which shows that the enterprising Cub owner is either a inside dope beyond the range of the box

Fred Fulton demands \$5000 for his next ten-round match. Some one should break the news to Fred as gently as possible that \$6000 is \$6000, not 6000 francs

Dear Sir-In baseball the pitching counts for a lot more than the batting. Remember how the White Sox of 1996, with a team that batted 221 only, won a with a team that batted .221 only, won a pennant and a world series, with Walsh, Altreck and Doc White? And as the pitching counts for so much, how is Detroit Chicago or New York to beat out a club that has Shore, Leonard, Ruth and Foster for pitchers—all stars and all young and all able to work in 40 or 45 games?

The race between Bennie Leonard and Charley White for Freddie Welsh's vandadance.

The race between Bennie Leonard and Charley White for Freddie Welsh's van-ishing title is one of the most inspiring incidents of spring. The one who catches Welsh first over the 20-round clean-up should collect the title, although Leonard is the best lightweight in the world today. With Ed Konetchy back in fine form,

The Red Sox proved last season against the Tigers that a great defensive ball club can beat a great offensive machine. Which

is an old story in the annals of the game.

How about the Mackmen as an offensive How about the Mackmen as an offensive machine? Quite so. But it is just as well to remember that the Mackmen also had one of the best defensive machines of the era with Collins, Barry and McIn-nis killing infield hits and with Plank, Bender, Coombs, Shawkey, etc., checking or wrecking all rival attacks.

The sweetest words that come to bat On a two-foot putt are "I give you that."

"Where would Willard be," inquires a beaten rival. "If he was only 6 feet tall and only weighed 200 pounds?" Where would Rockefeller be without his bankroll or Ty Cobb without his batting eye?

#### MANUFACTURERS' LEAGUE TO PLAY FIRST GAME ON MAY 6

Officers of Organization Elected at Recent Meeting

Saturday, May 5, is the date set for the opening of the Manufacturers' Baseball League, it was decided at a recent meet-League, it was decided at a recent meeting. The league is composed of eight
teams representing the leading industrial
plants in this city. The next meeting of
the league will be held Tuesday evening.
April 11, at the clubrooms of the C. H.
Wheeler Manufacturing Company Athletic Association, southeast corner of 19th and Somerset streets.

The officers elected at the meeting were: President, Thomas J. Callahan, C. H. Wheeler Manufacturing Company; vice wheeler shannacturing company; vice president, James Weeden, Moore and White Company; secretary, Walter P. Eble, Cary Wall Paper Company; treasurer, Frederick Oretly, H. W. Butterworth Sons' Company; official scorer, F. Nickolson, Keystone Supply Company

Ellis Wins Second Block PITTSBURGH. April 5.—Charles R. Ellis, world's three-cushion billiard champion, last night won the second block of his match with Pierre Maupome, of St. Louis, 71 to 50, in 30 innings. The score is now: Maupome, 100; Ellis, 94.







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